IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, Paragraph 4 rewrite as follows:

According to a first preferred embodiment of the present invention, the compounds, represented by formula (I), constituting the mixture each are such that R represents a C_aH_{2a-k-1} group and T represents an OH group.

Page 7, Paragraph 5

According to a second preferred embodiment of the present invention, the compounds, represented by formula (I), constituting the mixture each are such that R represents an Ra- C_aH_{2a-k-2} group and T represents an OH group.

Page 8, second paragraph, rewrite as follows:

According to a fifth preferred embodiment of the present invention, the mixture of compounds represented by formula (I) is composed of:

a compound represented by formula (I) wherein R represents a C_aH_{2a-k-1} group and T represents an OH group, R, EO, PO, and T being attached to one another in that order to represent formula R-(EO)n-(PO)m-T; and

a compound represented by formula (I) wherein R represents a C_aH_{2a-k-1} group and T represents an OH group, R, EO, PO, and T being attached to one another in that order to represent formula R-(PO)m-(EO)n-T.